

# NO GAMBLES WITH BREAD

## Government's Decision On Rationing

### Lively Scene In Commons Debate

London, July 4.

Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, pounding the ancient dispatch box in the House of Commons and raising his voice to a shout, declared today that the Government would not risk gambling with the people's bread, and was determined to start rationing of that commodity on July 21, as planned.

Mr. Strachey disclosed hitherto secret facts about Britain's supply of wheat, spoke in moderately optimistic tones about the world wheat prospects for the coming crop year and appealed to the United States to aid in maintaining the rationing of the British Zone of Germany, lest chaos result from a breakdown.

He said Britain had no stocks of wheat at all in the sense of there being some great reserve stock lying idle. There was only stocks going through what the Americans called "piping." In this pipeline, at the end of August, the Government estimated there would be 500,000 tons of grain and 300,000 tons of flour—merely eight weeks supply, but distribution would break down if there were no new arrivals during that eight weeks.

But even this estimate of stock at the end of August was conditional upon three assumptions:

1. Upon the United States maintaining its promised food shipments, which could be upset by American labour relations and in the course which Congress took in regard to price control.

2. That Britain's own harvest would be up to predictions.

3. The question of Canadian crop prospects—"by far the most important assumption of all."

#### Coming To End

Mr. Strachey said that Britain had sent more than 400,000 tons of food to the British Zone of Germany, from her own stocks, in addition to the 200,000 tons diverted to Germany, UNRRA, India, South Africa and Belgium. This latter 200,000 was a loan, to be repaid by the United States.

He said that Britain was coming to the end of her ability to send food to the British Zone.

Mr. Strachey said that though there would be eight weeks' supply of wheat, flour, at the end of August, supplies of bread could not continue for eight weeks after the end of August, without new supplies coming in. A breakdown would occur very much before the end of eight weeks.

Distribution would begin to break down in this or that district. Shortage could be remedied by rushing supplies, and then supplies sank lower there would be increasingly great breakdowns.

A pipeline of 800,000 tons of wheat and flour would be enough to satisfy bread supplies for certain. If bread rationing was instituted, but not without.

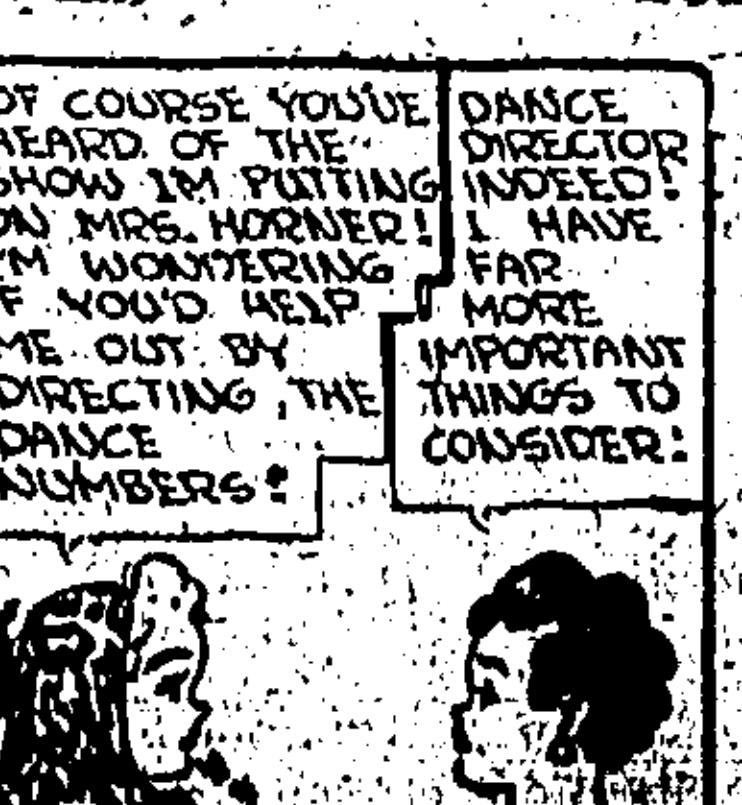
#### A Gamble

Replying to a question, the Food Minister said that the average pre-war stocks of wheat and flour in the pipeline at the same season of the year was over 1,000,000 tons.

Mr. Strachey said any delay in the arrival of wheat from the United States in the next three months might be disastrous for Britain if she did not take the great precautionary measure of bread rationing. To postpone rationing would be to gamble on American labour relations and on the course of things in Congress in the next few weeks.

If everything went well, the country might scrape through without bread rationing, but the Government would not risk it.

#### BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



You Said It, Sister

## Plan For Trieste Agreed

Paris, July 4.

The four Foreign Ministers, today agreed on the United States plan for internationalising Trieste, the Adriatic storm centre.

The plan was described by delegates leaving the conference tonight as the result of an original Russian six-point plan which was amended by the French yesterday and further amended by the Americans today.

The delegates also said that the Ministers agreed on the Italian colonies question.

M. Molotov, at this afternoon's meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, refused to agree to fixing the date of the 21-power peace conference until the question of Italian reparations had been agreed.

Delegates who gave this information expressed the hope that the conference date would be settled within the next few days.

Only minor "drafting alterations" remained to be made in the Trieste plan, it was learned authoritatively.

One main problem regarding Trieste remained to be solved as the Ministers went into session—the finding of a compromise between the French and the Soviet advocacy of Big Four control over the Trieste autonomous area and the British and United States demands for control by the United Nations.

Reuter.

### U.S.A. And Trans-Jordan

Washington, July 3.

Two identical resolutions asking to prevent the United States Government from recognising the independent kingdom of Trans-Jordan until the future status of Palestine has been determined were introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The resolutions read: "Pending further constitutional action by the United States regarding Palestine, the Government of the United States is bound to continue to regard the territory known as Trans-Jordan as part of the area included in the mandate over Palestine, subject to all the provisions of the Anglo-American Convention of 1924."

Trans-Jordan independence was declared in the Treaty of Alliance ending Britain's mandate, signed on March 22.—Reuter.

### "QUAKE" FELT

New York, July 3.

Fairly sharp earth shocks coming from the south-west Pacific were recorded on the Fordham University seismograph the night of July 1.

The first shock was recorded at 0050 GMT on July 2 and the second at 0113 GMT, the same morning.

Seismologists estimated the distance as approximately 8,000 miles from New York.—Associated Press.

London, July 4.

Thousands of pilgrims, including many from the United States, are arriving in Rome to attend the canonization of America's first saint, Mother Mary Frances Xavier Cabrini, which will be held with all the traditional pomp on Sunday at St. Peter's, the Vatican radio reported today.—Reuter.

## Wide Search For Hitler's Secretary

Frankfurt, July 4.

United States Intelligence agents yesterday combed the American occupation zone of Germany for Adolf Hitler's dark-haired last secretary who, it was revealed last night, disappeared recently after being summoned to the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

#### Never Turned Up

It was understood that Christian was wanted in Nuremberg by counsel defending Martin Bormann, Hitler's missing deputy who is being tried in absentia.

"She was supposed to arrive at Nuremberg on her own power, but she never turned up and the search for her has been in progress since then," an officer said.

Before her disappearance, Frau Christian told investigators that Hitler wanted to be burned and that she believed it was Eva Braun who proposed the couple's suicide pact.—Associated Press.

Christian—wife of a now imprisoned Luftwaffe general—went to live in Berchtesgaden in the shadow of Hitler's mountain retreat after she had told American agents her story of the last days in Berlin.

London, July 4.

The British Government have extended friendly wishes to the new republic of Italy, the Foreign Office announced tonight.—Reuter.

You Said It, Sister

BY EDGAR MARTIN

SOCIAL PRESTIGE? PUBLICITY? WELL, PERHAPS I DO OWN IT TO SOCIETY TO DISCLOSE MY TIME! STRICTLY BUT OF COURSE!



### DAVIE, BOAG & CO., LTD.

Chartered Bank Building,  
(1st floor).

The following are the Telephone Numbers from this date:

General Office 28116  
28117

(Private Branch exchange to all Departments).

Private Office (Mr. W. A. Stewart)

27874

Factory and Godown (King's Road, Quarry Bay)

22217

LAMMERT BROS.  
Auctioneers, Surveyors  
and Appraisers,  
Pedder Building,  
Telephone No. 20224.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 5th, July, 1946

commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms,  
Pedder Building—Basement

61 LOTS OF  
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,  
comprising:

stored at Holt's Wharf  
Godown No. 6,  
Ground Floor, Kowloon

Iron Ware, Wire Rope,  
Fish Oil, Press Studs, Scales,  
Chains, Varnish, Engine and  
Machinery Parts, Empty  
Cases, Etc.

stored at Holt's Wharf,  
Open Yard, Kowloon.

Iron Ware and Machine Parts  
stored at Holt's Wharf,  
Godown No. 1/3, Kowloon

Wire Rope

stored at Kwan On Godown,  
Inland Lot No. 2761,  
Gloucester Road, Wan Chai,  
San Francisco, Calif., U.S.A.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The above premises will be open to inspection on 3rd. and 4th. July 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and Noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by Captain T. H. Edwards, Office of Custodian of Property, Peninsula Hotel Arcade, Kowloon, for Holt's Wharf.

Robert A. Bates,  
Hon. Secretary and Vice  
President.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th, March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 3rd July, 1946.

### SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS

Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.  
Basement, French Bank Bldg.,  
A.E.P. de Souza, Auctioneer.

Telephone 31867.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 8th July,

1946,  
commencing at 10.00 a.m.,  
at his Sales Rooms, Basement,  
French Bank Building,

72 LOTS OF  
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,  
comprising:

Caustic Soda,  
Lead Powder,  
Straw Rope,  
Porcelain Ware,  
Oil Drums,  
Oil,  
Joss Stick Powder,  
Candles,  
Resin,  
Ship's Gears,  
Calcium Carbonate,  
Burnt Printing Paper,  
Cement,  
Etc., Etc., Etc.

The Kin Lee Godown, West Point, where the goods are stored, will be open to inspection on 6th and 7th July, 1946, between 10.00 a.m. and noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the 9th March, 1946, issue of the Gazette.

M. Newman, (Contractors)  
Ltd.

Hop Street, Manchester 2,  
England.

Cable Address: Harbinger.

Hong Kong, 5th July, 1946.

### THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
in the Board Room of Messrs  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,  
14-16 Pedder Street, Hongkong  
on Monday, 15th, July, 1946, AT  
NOON for the purpose of con-

ferring the appointment of the  
Board of Directors and con-  
sideration of the Directors' Report  
and Balance Sheet for the  
period to 31st, March, 1946.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th, July, 1946.

### HALF A MILLION MEN'S SECOND-HAND JACKETS and TROUSERS suitable for Hongkong trade at FOUR SHILLINGS each.

Thousands shipped to Middle  
East.

Quick shipment of pressed  
bales of one thousand assort-  
ed garments.

Establish confirmed credits  
in payment of any quantity on  
an English Bank.

The Auction is subject to the  
Conditions of Sale published in  
the 9th March, 1946, issue of  
the Gazette.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,  
Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 5th July, 1946.

NOTICE TO  
MARINERS  
NO. 32 OF 1946.Hongkong Harbour  
Naval Mooring Buoys

The positions of Naval Mooring Buoy No. W. 7, W. 8, W. 9 as given in Notice to Mariners No. 27 of 1946 are incorrect.

Correct positions are as follows:

W 7 182° 7.71 cables  
W 8 180° 7.70 "  
W 9 177° 7.66 "

Naval Mooring Buoy No. F 2 has been laid in a position 113° 8.48 cables.

All Bearings and Distances are from Kowloon Clock Tower.

Chart affected: No. 3279.

Authority: Naval Authorities.

(Sd.) A. S. D. RYDER,  
Harbour Master.

HONGKONG &  
SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATIONORDINARY YEARLY  
GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 12th day of July, 1946, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1945, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
A. MORSIC,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 24th June, 1946.

HONGKONG  
TRAMWAYS LIMITED

## NOTICE

## FARES

Commencing Saturday, 6th July, tram fares will be raised:

From 15 cents FIRST CLASS to 20 cents.

and

From 8 cents THIRD CLASS to 10 cents.

The fares will then be the same as they were between the 4th and 19th October last year.

L. C. F. BELLAMY  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1946.

THE HONGKONG  
LAND INVESTMENT &  
AGENCY CO., LTD.NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the FIFTY-  
FOURTH ORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHE-  
SON & CO., LTD., HONG  
KONG, on Monday, the 8th day

of July, 1946, at NOON for the

purpose of confirming the ap-  
pointment of the Board of

Directors and receiving their

Report together with State-  
ments of Accounts for the

year ended 31st December, 1941,

and for the period 1st January,

1942, to 31st December, 1945.

By order of the Board of

Directors.

B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1946.

## HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

## NOTICE

## SHAUKIWAN ROUTE

The length of tram route between Taikoo West Gate and the Shaukiwan Terminus will be re-opened to tramway traffic as from Saturday, 6th July, when through cars will again be available between Shaukiwan and Western Market.

First Car from Western Market) 6.20 a.m.

Shaukiwan )

Last Car from Western Market) 11.36 p.m.

Shaukiwan )

Last Car from Shaukiwan (Causeway Bay only) 12.16 a.m.

L. C. F. BELLAMY  
General Manager

Hongkong, 5th July, 1946.

Please Obtain  
Your Favourite Drinks at  
**SHUI HING CO.**

(Department Stores)

Hennessy Brandy

Cherry Brandy

Apricot Brandy

Peppermint

Creme de Cocoa

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Special Prices for:

Royal Banquet Whisky \$12.50 per bot.

Victory Gin \$7.00 "

Telephone 31800

# Philippine Independence Day In Hong Kong

The inauguration of the independence of the Philippine Islands yesterday was celebrated locally by one of the largest parties ever staged at the Gloucester Hotel when members of the Philippines community were the hosts to a large gathering.

Those present included His Excellency the Governor, the Consul General for the United States, the G.O.C., members of the Consular Body, representatives from Canton and Macao and officials of the Hong Kong Government.

In proposing the Toast of the Guests, Mr. R. S. Castro, said in part:

"The struggle for independence dates as far back as 1875 when more than three centuries of Spanish domination had cowed the Filipinos into a pious submission and a fatalistic resignation to their unhappy destiny. Intolerance of every sort than prevailed in the Philippines, enlightenment whenever it came at all, came meagrely and slowly. In their pitiful ignorance and contemptible patience for several decades, the Filipinos drifted into a mental and physical lethargy, puppets and playthings at the remorseless hands of fate in their obscure, glorious destinies."

"But the dormant minds and deadened sensibilities of the Filipinos, in the passing of years, gradually awakened and quickened to life amidst the harsh realities of their surroundings. Inspired by the teachings of Dr. Rizal the Filipino patriot who sacrificed his life in the cause of freedom, the latent union and national consciousness among the Filipinos awakened into being, and the feeling of national solidarity grew into an implacable determination to achieve for their country the fullest possible measure of dignity and freedom."

"With the subsequent establishment of American sovereignty in the Philippines, the Filipinos became conscious of a new existence and of a freedom which had been denied to them since their birth."

"Today, the Filipino flag bears a new significance. The dream of independence has become a reality and, consequently, the promise of eventual independence by the United States of America has been fulfilled to the letter. In the field of battle the Filipinos have shown to the world that they are not lacking the valiant qualities of the modern warrior, and side by side with their white brothers, under the inspiring leadership of General MacArthur, they have stood the test of courage and loyalty. In the Battle of Butana Peninsula."

Referring to American celebrations of their own Independence Day, Mr. Castro said:

"We extend to all Americans our heartiest congratulations and tender our profound gratitude. We share with them today the ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity which ideals have played an important role in the political progress of the Philippines and its eventual birth as a nation."

In his address, the Chairman, Dr. V. N. Atienza, said in part after a brief review of the history of the Philippines:

Day of Days

"Today is the day of all days for all Filipinos. Forty-eight years of American guardianship over them comes to a happy ending. Liberty and freedom are theirs. A most momentous and unparalleled occasion that can only happen once in the lifetime of a nation."

"America has every reason to be proud of her magnificent contributions to the Filipino people—such as political democracy, popular education, public health and welfare, material advancement and Anglo-Saxon culture, which stand as worthy monuments to her altruistic colonial record in the Far East."

"The eyes of the world are turned towards the Republic of the Philippines, watching the beacon of freedom and democracy being kindled across its shores. Henceforth the Filipino people are on the march towards their own destiny, to conquer a rightful place in the sun. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!"

## Buddhist Abbot On Visit

Abbot Sumi, celebrated Buddhist leader from India, has arrived in Hong Kong on his way to Cheung On, Shensi, where he will take up the post of Instructor of Pali, Sanskrit, and English in the Pali Academy of Buddhism.

Abbot Sumi comes to China on the invitation of Dr. Tai Hau, renowned leader of the Buddhist Movement in China. His party consists of three members, arriving by the S.S. Fung Hing en route for Shanghai by plane where they expect to meet Dr. Tai Hau before proceeding to Shensi.

The Buddhist Association in Hong Kong is arranging a reception in his honour at the Tung Lin Kok Yuen (Buddhist Temple), 15 Shan Kwong Road, today at 1 p.m., when he is expected to speak on the Southern School of Buddhism. Incidentally, this is the first time in the history of the Colony when lectures on Buddhism will be given by an Indian Authority, and Buddhist followers are reminded not to miss the chance.

## COMMITTEE

Tsang Kwong and Ng Por were both committed for trial by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday when they were charged with armed robbery at No. 33, Wellington Street, on June 22.

Sub-Inspector A. Soutar prosecuted.

It was alleged that accused, together with two other Chinese not in custody, gained entrance to the premises under the pretext of delivering presents from a friend.

On entering the accused produced revolvers and ordered the inmates to the rear cubicle. They then ransacked the premises.

A sum of \$4,150 H.K. in 140,000 in Military Yen, a gold ear pick, a gold watch and jewellery were taken.

After hearing evidence of the complainants, Leung Fu, his son and two daughters, the accused were committed for trial.

B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1946.

## PILLION RIDING TO GO?

It was officially stated yesterday that pillion riding was prohibited before the war, but that after the re-occupation this means of transport was tolerated owing to the shortage of transport.

The Police are suggesting to Government that pillion riding be stopped by August 1. Consideration has been taken of the fact that more transport is now available.

It is probable that tricycles will be licensed for the carrying of passengers.

Vicente Nicols Atienza, and Mrs. Atienza, the G.O.C., Major-Gen. F. W. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Munluc, Mr. L. A. Gaston, Col. C. H. Sansom, Miss B. A. Middletons, Mons. Guillaume, Mr. and Mrs. K. Gonzales, Mons. Pierre Saillant, Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Follows, Mr. and Mrs. C. Landolt, Mr. and Mrs. U. Tonnelly, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kwok, Comdr. S. Vieira, Major Puddicombe, Dr. J. P. Peely, Mr. W. M. Thomas, Major Hawes, Rev. Fr. Rizanti, Capt. Reeves, Miss Carmen Hotelo, Mr. Xavier, Mr. P. Botelho, Gen. and Mrs. P. Kwok, Mr. J. W. Clague, Mr. M. A. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pestana, Mr. P. L. Lamas, Capt. A. C. G. Gomes, Mr. P. Pineda, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Pavia, Mr. R. S. Castro and Major Morell.

"We feel that you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Philippines community and you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the United States, are participants in this great celebration and we, the rest, are only onlookers. Onlookers can be dolefully interested and so are we. Onlookers can be sincere well-wishers, and so are we."

"We in Hong Kong have a bond of sympathy with the citizens of the Philippines. In the same dark days, we shared together the struggle for liberation and the victory. Now we are sharing together the task of reconstruction."

"We, your guests, wish to extend to you our cordial thanks for the invitation to join you in celebrating this great and memorable event. Finally, we can assure you again, Mr. Chairman, and all members of the Filipino community of our deep and lively interest and our good wishes for the great new Republic of the Philippines."

Among those present were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G., the Consul General for the United States, Mr. G. D. Hopper, and Mrs. Hopper, the Chairman of the Philippines community in Hong Kong, Dr.

They have made an all-out effort to secure the outstanding requests of the past two months, and most of the records to be heard have been "borrowed" from sources until recently "untapped" — this necessitated owing to the recent refusal of ZBW to loan records out to Service, as well as other forms of entertainment.

As usual the programmes are to be M.C'd. by LAC Les Norton and Cpl. Joe Brerley.

TONIGHT AT 7.15 IN THE LOUNGE OF THE NAAFI KOWLOON CLUB IS THE LAST IN THE SERIES OF SWING MUSIC SESSIONS TO BE HELD; THE PROMOTERS OF THESE POPULAR PROGRAMMES HAVING LEARNED OF THEIR PENDING DEMOBILISATION.

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## Army Releases Requisitioned Houses

Kuala Lumpur, July 4. The military authorities in Malaya are releasing requisitioned houses as fast as possible, said the Union Governor, Sir Edward Gent, at a meeting of his Advisory Council.

He said he could assure the Council that any suggestion that the military are unappreciative of the civilian situation, or backward in releasing property the moment it is possible, is without foundation.

The Governor added that both civil and military authorities "must get ahead with a building programme" not only to meet the present needs, but to be in time for the inevitable requirements in the future.

(The European community of Kuala Lumpur recently cabled a protest to Mr. Clement Attlee complaining of the shortage of housing because of military requisitioning. Only five per cent of the British troops in Malaya are accommodated in War Department buildings, and another 20 per cent are under canvas.—Reuter.)

## WOULD PREFER DEATH

"I would rather prefer a death sentence," said Wong Kam-fung, 36, when he was sentenced to four years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane by Mr. T. J. Gould, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court yesterday for armed robbery.

Wong was found guilty by a jury on a charge, with another not in custody, and armed with a revolver, of robbing Chan Yuk-sang of a wrist watch in Castle Peak Road at 11.30 p.m. on May 6.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails

FRIDAY, 5th JULY  
Canton (Fatshan) 9.00 a.m.  
Haiphong (Masbate) 10.00 a.m.  
Formosa via Keelung (Tai Lee) 10.00 a.m.  
Fouchow (Mei Wah) 10.00 a.m.  
Manila and Calcutta (Marine Lorry) 10.00 a.m.  
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 10.15 a.m. (Ord.) 10.30 a.m.  
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Kitsilano Park) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.  
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.  
Airmail for London—Calcutta, Johannesburg, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.  
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.  
Kongnoum (Fook Ho) 4.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 6th JULY  
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Hsueh) 10.00 a.m.  
Haiphong (Empire Labrador) 10.00 a.m.  
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.C. Plane) (Reg.) 10.15 a.m. (Ord.) 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai (Kutusang) Noon.  
Saigon (Macnuray Victory) 3.00 p.m.  
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Charlton) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.  
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Teucor) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.  
Kongmoo (Luen Hop II) 4.00 p.m.  
Canton (Sai On) 4.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 7th JULY  
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.  
Bangkok (Mui Hock) 10.00 a.m.  
Swatow (Hermelin) 10.00 a.m.  
Canton (Kwong Tung) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 8th JULY  
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.  
Saigon (Eastern Trader) 10.00 a.m.

Batavia, Ceylon, East and South Africa and Bombay (Scott E. Land) 10.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Wing Sang) Noon.  
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Johannesburg, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.  
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9th JULY  
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 10.15 a.m. (Ord.) 10.30 a.m.  
Macao and Tsinsian (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.  
Shanghai (Tianan) Noon.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.  
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Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

## U.S. PRESTIGE IN CHINA IS CAREENING DOWNHILL

(By John Roderick)

Peiping, July 4.

American prestige in China—at an indisputable all-time high four months ago—is careening downhill at a rate so precipitous that it will take most drastic action in Washington to curb it.

Events of the past week and the views of dozens of Chinese of all political complexions with whom I have talked confirm this.

The growing feeling that the two headed American policy towards China is helping to fan the flames of civil war and prolong the period of economic unrest in gaining a wide foothold not only with the Communists and Liberals but with bankers and business generally.

The tremendous demonstration of public feeling in Shanghai and the activity of secret police in Nanking against the peace delegates are outcroppings of this sentiment. The gravity of the anti-American attitude was underlined three days ago when Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung broke a year-long silence publicly to excoriate the American desire to increase military aid to the Chinese Government.

### FISTRUST RISING

Last February, when General George C. Marshall had apparently set the nation's feet firmly on the road to unity and democracy, both sides would gladly have given the United States anything it wished. That situation has been replaced by one of increasing distrust.

In February, American military assistance had fallen off, and political aid—through Marshall's mission—was predominant. Today this has been succeeded by about an equal share of political and military aid—but though both the Government and the Communists share the advice, only the Nationalists receive the arms.

American assistance towards achieving political unity is generally conceded to be earnest and understandable because without a united China, no nation can expect to resume the lucrative trade which the country has to offer.

### Fears of Russia

Most perplexing, however, to Chinese and foreigners alike, is the parallel stream of arms, munitions and supplies of direct military and technical assistance that the United States continues to give the Kuomintang. However, observers ask, can civil war end despite the most strenuous American mediation if the United States hands over to war-minded military leaders the tools for perpetuating it?

The answer to that one—one is prepared to admit. This is American apprehensions towards Russia in China.

Because of this fear the United States is conceivably strengthening the Kuomintang's hands. Without this stiffening the nation might go completely Communist.

### The Catch

Though America may want conditional unity it just as surely does not want Communist do-

## Day Of Prayer For Those At Sea

The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked that Sunday, July 21, shall be observed as a day of prayer and remembrance for the men of the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy.

In a statement, the Archbishop declared: "All citizens of Great Britain have grounds for the deepest feelings of gratitude to the officers and men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy."

"To their courage, endurance and vigilance we owe our own preservation from want as well as the safe conduct of our forces to many parts of the world. It is fitting that on some Sunday the congregations in our churches should be asked to remember these specially in their prayers. In order that all may observe the same day, except where local conditions forbid, we ask that Sunday, July 21, may be kept in this way, as a day of thankful remembrance."

It is also suggested that contributions might be made to the funds existing to provide amenities and financial assistance for the men of the Royal and Merchant Navies. The King George's Fund for Sailors, Trinity House, London, E.C. 3, is the central collecting agency for Nautical Benevolent Societies.

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## Rifle Ammo In Box

For possession of 485 rounds of rifle ammunition without a permit Hui Chung-kwong and Chan Hoi were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Inspector Allen said that about 4.30 a.m. on June 29, a constable on duty in Main Street East, Shaukiwan, saw the two accused passing the old Police Station. They had a box containing the ammunition.

Both accused were employed on a ship lying alongside the Wing Lok Wharf. They said that they found the box while looking for scrap metal at Lyee-mun.

Dr. T. W. Ware is to assume the post of Chairman, Urban Council, vice Mr. T. McGarry.

## Omura Given Seven Year Sentence

The hearing of the War Crimes case against W/O Omura Kyoshi was concluded yesterday afternoon when the accused was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The case was heard before Lieut-Col. J. C. Stewart (Dept. of the J.A.G. in India), President, and Major M. I. Ormsby (The West Yorkshire Regiment) and Captain B. N. Kaul (The Frontier Force Regiment).

The prosecution was in the hands of Major D. G. MacGregor (Black Watch) while Lieut. J. R. Haggan (R.E.) acted on behalf of the accused.

The accused was charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of several persons under arrest at the Gendarmerie.

### Arrest Of Frenchman

After detailing his career, Omura said that he arrested Jules Alexandre Siron on June 8, 1944. He did not know whether Siron had been tortured. In the street, he beat Siron about eight times, because he was angry.

In arresting Third Nationals such as Siron it was necessary to apply for permission from the Gendarmerie Headquarters and he had to make a report of the offence as soon as possible. That was the reason for his interrogating Siron on the afternoon of his arrest.

### All Lies

Accused admitted arresting Tsui Sai-cheung on Jan. 10, 1945. Tsui's elder brother was a member of the B.A.A.G. and contacted his brother frequently by letter.

Tsui was not tortured or threatened in any way during the interrogation, and Miura said that he did not know anything about the torture marks on Tsui. W/O Miura was admitted to Hospital on Jan. 12, 1945, and discharged on Feb. 19, 1945. Tsui was still detained at the time. All the witnesses for the prosecution who had come into Court to give evidence against him had deliberately told lies.

### Hatred Of Gendarmes

Cross-examined, Omura reiterated that the prosecution witnesses had told lies. When he was discharged from Hospital, Tsui was quite fit and well. He did not think that the scar on Tsui's abdomen was caused by the interrogation.

All Gendarmes had instructions from Col. Noma to treat the inhabitants of Hong Kong well and kindly, but as the Gendarmes dealt with many criminals, the inhabitants hated the Gendarmes. Most of the inhabitants of Hong Kong were not law-abiding.

### Heard Of Torture

He had heard of the water torture while in the Gendarmerie in Fatshan. A Sergeant who had reported to water torture caused the death of a person and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment by a Court Martial. He had also heard of another case of water torture involving a Gendarme. Accused had also heard of people being hung up with their hands tied behind their backs by Japanese Gendarmes.

He did not agree that the B.A.A.G. was a serious menace to the Japanese Army in 1944. His Department had nothing to do with the interrogation of suspect B.A.A.G. agents. It was the responsibility of W/O Miura to interrogate them.

Examined by the President of the Court, accused said that he knew it was a crime against International Law to ill-treat any individual citizen. He had given with a good conscience because he

## AIR CRASH

Singapore, July 4. Royal Air Force planes combed Malaya today for a RAF Dakota which disappeared last Saturday on its way to Singapore with 11 Service passengers and a crew of five.

The plane, last heard of when bad weather forced it to turn back over Siam, is presumed to have crashed in Central Malaya.—Reuters.

## British Council Head In Colony

"Though the main field of our work will be in China itself, the sympathy and interest of Hong Kong, especially of the Hong Kong University, are vital to it," said Professor Percy Muirhead Roxby, chief representative of the British Council in China, who is on a short visit here with Mrs. Roxby.

At a press conference yesterday Prof. Roxby gave a brief outline of the objects, work and methods of the Council. He stressed the importance of cultural relations between countries as distinct from commercial and political relations.

The objects of the Council were to make Britain better understood and to make available British experience and thought over a wide field.

Among the methods used to attain this was the establishment of scholarships and fellowships at English Universities, to arrange for the visit of distinguished Britishers to Chinese Universities, help in the promotion of English studies and the ruling of English studies in China.

Another woman, Leung Kwok, was charged with keeping a brothel at No. 59, Queen's Road Central, Top floor.

Four U.S. sailors and 10 girls were found when the premises were raided by Mr. MacKenzie, A.S.P.

A fine of \$250 or two months' simple imprisonment was imposed.

## MONEY MART

Chinese national currency opened at \$1.78 for futures and \$1.90 for spot, and closed at \$1.82 and \$1.92 respectively. The market

Gold rose from \$443 to \$446 per tael. U.S. dollars had buyers at \$4.65 and sellers at \$4.74. Sterling weakened to \$15.92, and Australian pounds were quoted at \$12.52.

The 45-year-old accused, who was born in The Netherlands East Indies and educated in England, neither speaks nor writes Chinese, and has lived most of his life abroad.

Tang was accused of writing many articles and a book praising the enemy; as well as publishing periodicals which aided enemy propaganda.—Reuters.

## NAZI ESCAPE PLOT

Shanghai, July 4. A plot by about 20 German nationalists to escape from the formidable Ward Road gaol failed today when American Military Police intercepted messengers being smuggled by the heavily-armed Sikkim guards.

The Germans included some leading Nazis in China, among them members of the widespread espionage network, Bismarck Ehrhardt, Baron Jesco von Puttkamer was placed in solitary confinement as the alleged ring-leader in the escape plot. Von Puttkamer was once Chief of the German Information Bureau in Shanghai.—Associated Press.

As a result of a raid under Mr. MacKenzie, A.S.P., Central Police Station, over 30 street hawkers were arrested in Pedder Street, Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road for causing an obstruction.

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Thomas, asked the Court to take a serious view.

The area of Queen's Road Central-Pedder Street was prohibited to hawkers.

Mr. d'Almada warned that in future cases of obstruction he would not hesitate to confiscate their goods.

Fines ranging from \$10 to \$20 were imposed.

Two R.A.F. drivers, charged with conspiracy in that they had attempted to remove from the Colony two Dodge Tipper lorries, the property of the Military Authorities, were discharged yesterday by the Magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo, at Kowloon Court, on the ground that insufficient evidence had been produced on which to convict.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on Mak Siu 23, and Cheung Yiu-kwong, by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday for failing to pay regulation admission price at the Kau U Fong Theatre on Wednesday.

## TANG LIANG-LI SENTENCED

Shanghai, July 4. Java-born Tang Liang-li, Ambassador-at-Large of the Japanese-sponsored Nanking regime during the war, has been sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment by the Shanghai High Court on charges of collaborating with the enemy, with deprivation of civil rights for ten years.

Tang was accused of writing many articles and a book praising the enemy; as well as publishing periodicals which aided enemy propaganda.—Reuters.



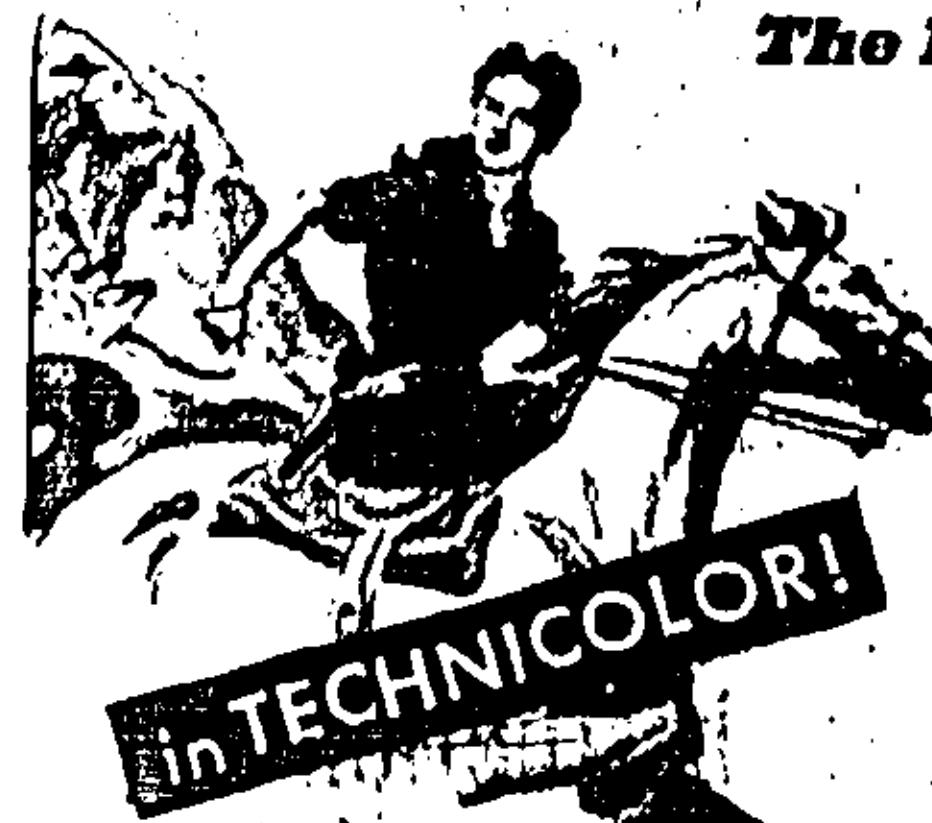
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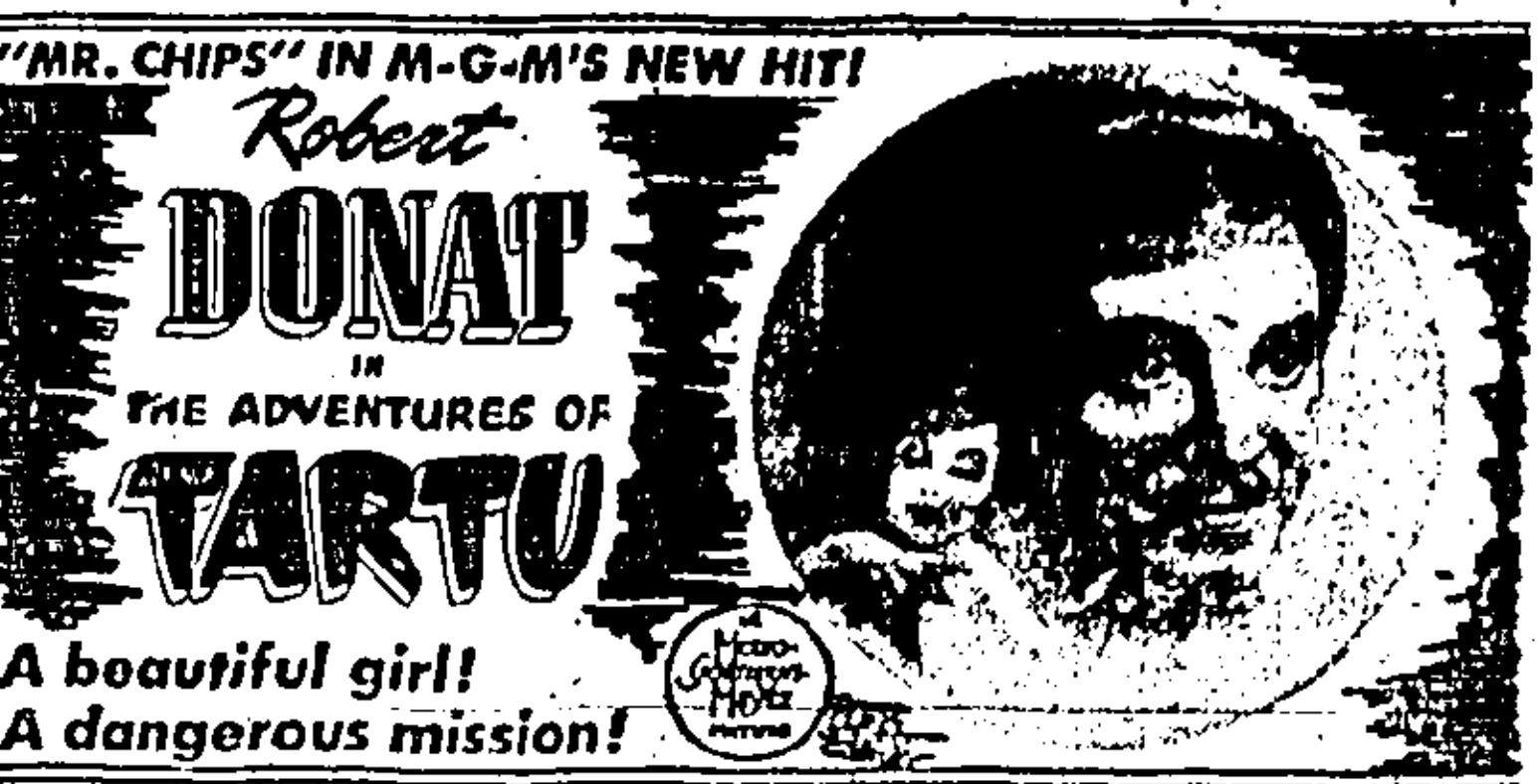


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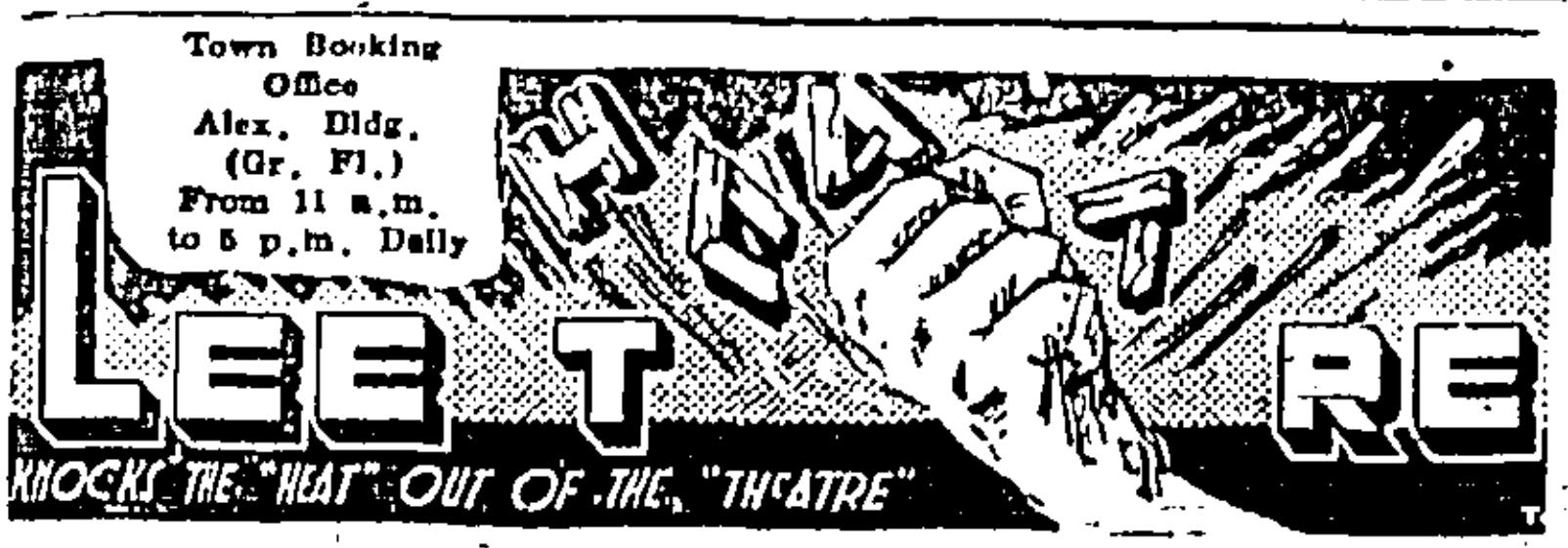
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## Arab Plan To Resist

Cairo, July 4. An official Arab spokesman said yesterday that the Arabs have planned organized resistance to the U.S. plan. Harry Truman's demand for the immigration of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

Arabs from states adjoining Palestine still receive permission to enter that country to join the Arab resistance movement, in the event that the Anglo-American Commission's recommendations for the immigration of 100,000 Jews is implemented, the spokesman declared.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, said that he had no knowledge of a report that Iraq proposed the establishment of an Arab army, but added that "Iraq is very anxious to fight to protect Palestine. It is impossible that Arabs will refrain from violence if they see Zionists in Palestine continue terrorism." Azzam Pasha said.

He added that "the situation resulting from Zionist terrorism threatens peace in the Middle East," and declared that "the failure of the British government to disarm the Zionists will be considered as encouragement to Palestine's Arabs to arm themselves, and to imitate

## Top Jewish Agency Executives On View

(By John Calder)

Jerusalem, July 4. Jewish Agency top ranking executives detained in the British operations on Saturday posed cheerfully for photographers today when the Latrun Detention camp, half way between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, was thrown open to British and United States correspondents. The authorities laid down one condition for the visit — the correspondents could see the "VIPs" (Very Important Personages), but they were not allowed to interview them.

Moshe Shertok, the head of the Political department of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Legal Adviser to the Agency and Isaac Bruenbaum, the Jewish Agency Executive member, shouted greetings to correspondents whom they knew and Shertok called out: "Anybody got today's paper?"

Rabbi Juda Flishman, leader of the World Mizrachi organization and Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency, who went on a hunger strike after his arrest, is still ill in camp, contrary to reports that he had been taken to hospital.

He is under medical care and refused to see a press delegation.

Some of the rank and file of the 400 detainees in the camp have volunteered to act as orderlies to the Jewish leaders while they are detained.

### Dunkirk Veteran

The authorities allowed the correspondents to talk freely to other detainees. One of them, a Tel Aviv taxi-driver, who was detained in the Rounson prison in Tel Aviv told me: "We are being well treated. The food is good, but we should like to let our folks know we are here."

A German-born Jew who said he spent four years in a German concentration camp, was arrested ten months ago and has been detained at Latrun ever since. "I was arrested with no explanation," he said. "The police found arms in the house next to mine. They arrested my neighbours and me as well."

Another detainee, who said he was an ex-Serviceman who fought at Dunkirk, served in the Western Desert with the British Army, declared he was arrested in a police round-up seven months ago. "I have been here ever since. I haven't seen my wife or child since I was arrested," he said.

Applications to hold any meeting or procession in Palestine must be set in at least five days in advance, it is announced today.

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— Reuter.

Berlin, July 4. The Soviet authorities last night suddenly dismissed three executives of the Russian-controlled Berlin radio, causing rumours to-day that the Russians were conducting a "total purge" of office-holders before the start of the city's election campaign. — Reuter.

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Economic Disaster In  
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(By Spencer Moosa)

Shanghai, July 4. Fears of economic disaster overcoming Shanghai, city of 4,000,000 struggling hopelessly for rebirth after more than eight years of war, were expressed in a petition to dynamic, Princeton-educated Mayor K. C. Wu by a group of representative businessmen.

The petition, signed by leaders of the British Dutch, Swiss Norwegian and French business communities, foresaw the possibility of "some tens of thousands of workers with no work to be done and no means of survival."

The danger of the cost of living and wages rising so rapidly that employers would be unable to buy was, it warned, "now within view if no improvement is recorded."

The cost of living index, as published by the Shanghai city government, showed a rise of 52.02 per cent in May over the previous month, the petition stated.

In all, it said, the cost of living had risen at least 4,000 times since 1936.

## Threefold Effect

Concurrently with this inflation, the petition continued, "there has been a controlled foreign currency exchange rate, the American dollar being pegged at only approximately 693 times its 1936 value."

This combination of inflation and controlled foreign exchange and the resultant inequalities, the petition asserted, had a threefold effect:

1. "As far as foreigners are concerned, and we believe Chinese likewise, the cost of maintaining themselves both domestically and commercially is excessively high and in certain cases already disastrously so."

2. "The cost of local production is so great that it is impossible to manufacture goods at an economic and competitive price."

## Exports Impossible

3. "The cost of local produce and manufactured articles is so high due to labour and transportation costs that export is practically excluded."

This situation, the petition went on, had now continued for some six months "with a steady and clearly-defined deterioration."

Now, much less than King and Ace could South hold in the red suits. From the bidding he couldn't hold less and might well hold more. No more was needed for a Slam so North should have bid six diamonds without hesitation.

We wish, therefore," the petition asserted, "to record a clear conviction that should no improvement in the economic position occur during the next few weeks, it is considered likely that many local concerns will have to reduce the scope of their activities, closing factories and offices to a state of care and maintenance, which they are naturally most reluctant to do."

"The inevitable result of this will be that unemployment will be greatly increased.

## Critical Situation

"There may be some tens of thousands of workers with no work to be done and no means of survival.

"This is a critical situation which cannot be contemplated with equanimity.

"You yourself have made public speeches in which you have said that there is danger of the cost of living and wages rising so rapidly that employers will be unable to pay.

"We wish to state that this time is now within view, if no improvement is recorded.

"We earnestly believe that we should be unfair alike to labour, to ourselves and to the city government if we did not lay this situation frankly before you.

"As citizens of Shanghai we feel it is our duty to share our burden together."—Associated Press.

U.S. Jump In  
Prices

Washington, July 4.

While consumers in the United States worried over the prediction, broadcast by Stabilization Director Chester Bowles, that living prices would double in 20 days if the present upward trend in commodity prices continued, prospects of renewed controls increased.

Record high increases were paid for cattle in some markets on Tuesday and followed an increase up to 50 per cent in some butcher shops where meat was available.

The Bureau of Labour statistics reported the price index per basic commodity increased only 7/10 of one cent during Tuesday, after Monday's sudden upward surge.

Record high increases were paid for cattle in some markets on Tuesday and followed an increase up to 50 per cent in some butcher shops where meat was available.

However, prices for many other commodities remained steady with an increasing number of merchants pledging to keep them down.

Outlays, however, rapidly increased to market to take advantage of the increasing prices, which in turn increased the cost of living.

The O.P.A. will, however, remain up to 10 cents per pound of some meats.

Associated Press.

## BRIDGE NOTES

"Please tell us where we went sour," requests a Chicago reader. "Except for the spade, laser, we had fifteen tricks, but we failed to reach a Slam."

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The bidding:

South West North East

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2D Pass 5D Pass

Pass Pass

"North end he had done his all by making a free bid in clubs and jumping to five diamonds. South didn't see how he could bid a Slam with two losing spades in his hand."

"But there the Slam was, large as life. Was it biddable; and, if so, how?"

The Slam was quite biddable. North should have bid six diamonds right over South's rebid of three diamonds. It was just a case where a player who possessed all the necessary information had to bid the limit.

Let's see what information North possessed. He knew that South had biddable holdings in both red suits—together with enough total strength to make a four rebid. Since both opponents had bid spades, it was extremely unlikely that South had any spade strength. And since South could not have any club strength, his high cards were necessarily confined to the red suits.

Now, much less than King and Ace could South hold in the red suits. From the bidding he couldn't hold less and might well hold more. No more was needed for a Slam so North should have bid six diamonds without hesitation.

Yesterday you were Oswald

Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. A 10 6 5

H. 0 4

D. K 8 4 2

C. 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenck You Major

1H Pass 1S Pass

2NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump.

Your partner's very strong rebid

practically promises game if your first response was sound. Since you have more than enough value for a one-spade response, you must accept the same invitation.

Score 100 per cent for three no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

## Question

Today you are Howard Schenck's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. Q J 9 5 2

H. 8

D. J 7 5 3

C. Q 7 4

The bidding:

Schenck Jacob You Major

1H Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer

Tomorrow).

FOOD PROSPECTS NO  
BETTER THIS YEAR

Washington, July 3. The United States Department of Agriculture reported that the food production prospects in most parts of the world in mid-June were substantially better than a year earlier.

Nevertheless, it said that the world faces almost as great a shortage of supplies during the next twelve months as it has suffered during the past year.

Improved production prospects are offset by the reductions in stocks.

In its second survey of the world production outlook since the planting season started north of the Equator, the department said that there had been some increase in the acreage of planted crops and that relatively few areas have reported unfavourable conditions.

However, the total acreage of planted food crops is said to be still below pre-war.

The department reported: "Should the present prospects for crop production continue until harvest, the world production of food for 1946-47 will be somewhat larger than the relatively low levels of 1945-46, but will be definitely below pre-war, particularly on per capita basis."

Record high increases were paid for cattle in some markets on Tuesday and followed an increase up to 50 per cent in some butcher shops where meat was available.

However, prices for many other commodities remained steady with an increasing number of merchants pledging to keep them down.

Cattlemen, however, rapidly increased to market to take advantage of the increasing prices, which in turn increased the cost of living.

The O.P.A. will, however, remain up to 10 cents per pound of some meats.

Associated Press.

Precautions  
In Canada

Ottawa, July 4.

Canada, which has been following a policy of gradual decontrol of prices, is making a strong effort to insulate herself against any great price rise in the United States.

Government officials said that an attempt will be made to seal the border to prevent inflation spreading here, but are pessimistic whether they can hold the line against strong and persistent American pressure.

The Canadian programme is shaping along these lines:

(1) Increasing subsidies on imports from the United States vital to Canadian economy;

(2) Enforcement of strict export control to prevent Canadian manufacturers quitting the domestic market;

(3) Continuation of the current progressive decontrol at previously planned rates.

Canada still controls rents and prices of all goods considered cost-of-living essentials.

Associated Press.

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## Fourth Of July "At Home"

The American community of Hong Kong held its first post-war "Fourth of July At Home" at the American Club yesterday from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and among the many distinguished guests present was H. E. the Governor, Sir Mark Young.

In extending a welcome to the guests Mr. Geo. D. Hopper, U.S. Consul General, said that the day was America's 170th anniversary, and though that might mean little in British history and much less in Chinese history, it was a good deal to the American people, especially during the last 30 years, during which they had made so much progress and had gained so much experience.

Mr. Hopper assured H. E. the Governor that though the American community in the Colony was small in number, it would give its utmost support in the reconstruction of a New Hong Kong and help to bring Hong Kong back to its accustomed place as a great port.

This year the day had added significance in that it coincided with the birthday of a new nation—the Republic of the Philippines. It ended the 48 years of U.S. stewardship, and she was proud that her protege was now able to launch out for herself.

Replying for the guests, Sir Mark Young expressed their very great pleasure in joining in the celebration of this great day. The British people were conscious of the close relationship linking them with their cousins across the Atlantic.

In fact, they could be said to be cousins in the first degree, and the British were proud of that relationship. In Hong Kong, they depended so much upon the goodwill and co-operation of their American cousins in the rebuilding of New Hong Kong.

He felt confident that American drive, American energy and American enterprise are going to play no small part in Hong Kong's programme of rehabilitation.

## Defence Of Crete

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"There was the obvious possibility, which was soon confirmed, that the enemy would undertake operations against Crete, or he might reinforce his efforts in the Western Desert, which though checked for the present, still constituted a serious menace to Egypt; for dealing with the revolt in Iraq was handed over to the Middle East from India in the first week of May; the Germans were making use of their bases in Syria, which might constitute a very serious threat to the defence of the Canal and Egyptian ports, as well as to Palestine, and finally, there still remained the remnants of the Italian forces in Abyssinia to be cleared up, if possible before the rainy season set in."

### Very Fortunate

On the origin of the Iraq revolt, Field-Marshal Wavell said that the Mufti of Jerusalem and a number of his supporters from Palestine, to whom Iraq had given asylum, formed the centre of anti-British intrigue.

"We may consider ourselves exceedingly fortunate to have liquidated what might have been a very serious commitment with such small forces."

The subsequent Syrian operations further strained British resources, and it was necessary to move forces from the Western Desert at some risk to the defence of Egypt.

The despatch, when it deals with the campaign in the Western Desert, tells of warfare in the face of inadequate intelligence and reconnaissance information, a grave shortage of tanks (he formed a unit from captured Italian medium tanks) and transport.

"The resources to meet the enemy inadequate, both on the ground and in the air," Field Marshal Wavell in his concluding summary wrote. "That in the circumstances that three of the six major campaigns were brought to a successful conclusion, and that the enemy

### RELEASED

Jerusalem, July 4.  
It was officially announced today that 50 persons detained for interrogation during the recent operations in Palestine have been released from the Rafah detention camp today. Another 50 are expected to be released tomorrow.

A message from Tel Aviv states that hundreds of women, wives of men arrested during the latest military operations, demonstrated this morning near the Government district offices in Tel Aviv, demanding the release of their husbands—Reuter.

## 1saldaris To See Bevin

Paris, July 4.

The Greek Premier, Constantine Tsaldaris, is expected to see the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, again tomorrow when he will, it is believed, seek to mention the question of Greek territorial claims in the peace settlement at the expense of Bulgaria and Albania.

It is reliably confirmed that Tsaldaris, at his meeting last Monday with Mr. Bevin, discussed problems of Greek reconstruction and exchanged views on ways and means of aiding Greece economically through the period of her recovery.

Tsaldaris is known to have thanked the British Foreign Secretary for his consistent championing of Greece's claim to the Dodecanese Islands, which was recently agreed by the Foreign Ministers' conference here.—Reuter.

## COLONIAL OFFICE DENIAL

London, July 4.

The Colonial Office tonight formally denied that the third degree treatment of beating or torture had been inflicted on any Jewish detainees in Palestine.

It was also denied that settlements have been wantonly damaged and that Rabbi Fishman, who is one of the Jewish leaders detained, has been assaulted.

The Colonial Office said these reports had been circulated by the Jewish Agency.—Reuter.

## SAW DER FUEHRER LYING DEAD

Nuremberg, July 4.

Hitler's former chauffeur, Hans Kempa, testified yesterday that he saw the Fuehrer lying dead in the Reich Chancellery in Berlin on the afternoon of April 30, 1945. He also said he helped carry the body of Eva Braun outside where it was cremated.

The stocky, solid German soldier was described by the American prosecutor, Thomas Dodd, as the only man able to say that both Adolf Hitler and his deputy, Martin Bormann, were dead.

Unemotionally, Kempa related how the Chancellery seethed with about 500 persons, all seeking rescue, the day Berlin fell to the pounding Russian armies.

He declared flatly that Hitler died between two and three o'clock in the afternoon of April 30, and that Bormann was struck down about 12 hours later by a shell from a bazooka.

Kempa spoke almost reverently about Hitler. He referred to Eva Braun as "Adolf Hitler's wife."

### Not The Same Adolf

When he told how he saw the body of the Fuehrer rolled up in a blanket with only the booted legs hanging out, he said "it wasn't the same Adolf Hitler."

He was impressed that the blanket used was too short. The courtroom settled in a hush as Kempa continued his narrative. He didn't go into sharp details, but said rather thinly:

"I can say he died on April 30 between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. I didn't see him die, but I carried his body out of the bunker and set fire on him. I carried Hitler's wife out."

The others left in the bunker split up into little groups. Kempa said, farewell to Bormann when a tram jumped the points at a crossing at Clapham, ran down a side street and overturned last night. Seven were detained.

The hospital's emergency system used during the blitz was brought into operation to deal with the casualties.

The accident occurred at the junction of Cedar Road and Wandsworth Road. The tram had been hit by a bomb before toppling over.

The station was a quarter of an hour's walk from the bunker

under offensive in Cyrenaica was firmly checked, may be considered to reflect credit to the troops and Commanders concerned.

Reuter

## SPORTS SECTION

### Petra And Brown In The Finals

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuters Sports Editor)

Yvon Petra, of France, and Geoffrey Brown, of Australia, will contest the men's singles final in the first post-war Wimbledon Championships.

In today's semi-finals, Petra defeated Tom Brown, of California, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 8-6. Geoffrey Brown beat Jaroslav Drobny, of Czechoslovakia, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Twenty-three year old Tom Brown, his inferior service and his impetuosity at critical points, together with his lack of experience, went against him.

Nonetheless, it was a fine performance of Brown on his first appearance at Wimbledon. Tom Brown will be a great player when his "school days" are over. Of the Frenchman it can be said that he is playing better than he has ever played. What is believed to be an unprecedented incident in the Wimbledon championships occurred in the second set when the not had to be changed owing to a hole just below the canvas, quite possibly the result of Petre's terrific cannon-service.

The following semi-final between 21-year-old Australian Geoff Brown and the left-handed Czech, Jaroslav Drobny, who spent most of the way as a slave worker in Prague, came as something of an anti-climax, the Australian winning easily in three straight sets in an hour and five minutes.

Without detracting from Brown's excellent all-round play, the Czech was but a shadow of the man that had eliminated one of the favourites, the Californian Jack Kramer. He started weakly, losing the critical first service. Although fighting back he could not break through the Australian's high kicking service, losing the first set in 20 minutes.

The ambidextrous Australian, hitting lovely two-handed forehands and lefthand crosscourt backhands, always appeared to have the Czech's measure, especially as Drobny's service never functioned properly.

### Britain Out

The second set was a repetition of the first, Brown breaking through Drobny's service in the eleventh game, the Czech serving a double fault. Although Drobny held the Australian until the ninth when Petre, losing his delivery allowed the Californian to draw level. Brown went ahead by 6-5, but Petre serving aces levelled the scores, took Brown's service in the thirteenth game and won his own set for set and match.

One felt that Brown should have won, but his weakness on the

set and match.

All four semi-finalists are

American—a unique situation in Wimbledon history. Miss Betz will meet Miss Dorothy Bundy and

Miss Dorothy Bundy and

partner 6-1, 6-4.—Reuter.

### Diamond Sculls Heats At Henley

Henley-on-Thames, July 3.

The Henley Royal Regatta opened today in glorious sun. Chief interest was in the heats of the Diamond Sculls, in which all six oarsmen's scullers won to enter the quarter-finals.

However, R. Burnell raised home hopes by recording the fastest time—8 minutes 52 seconds for 1 mile 550 yards. The next best was that of J. Sephardes, of France, who won easily in 9 minutes 1 second.

The other heat winners were John Keppie, of the United States (son of John Kelly), Olympic sculling champion, A. Gallagher, also of the United States, M. F. J. Guerci, of Argentina, C. A. Christiano, of Norway, W. Jones, of Uruguay, and W. H. Fullick, of Great Britain.

There was a surprise in the heats of the Wyfold Cup, when the favourites to win the event, the Royal Chester Club, were eliminated by the Thames Rowing Club.—Reuter.

Miss Margaret Osborne will play Miss Louise Brough.

### The Results

Among today's results were: Men's singles: Semi-finals:—Y. Petre (France) beat Tom Brown (United States), 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 8-6. Geoff Brown (Australia) beat J. Drobny (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Women's singles: Quarter-finals:—Pauline Betz (United States) beat Joan Curry (Britain) 6-0, 6-3.

Men's doubles: Fourth round:—F. Segura and Budge Patty, beat L. Rinkel and A. V. Van Swol 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 8-6.

Women's doubles: Fourth round:—Mrs. P. C. Todd and D. Bundy (United States) beat Mrs. Vivian and Betty Nuttall (Britain) 6-2, 6-3. Pauline Betz and Doris Hart (United States) beat Mrs. Mathieu (France) and A. M. York (Britain) 6-4, 6-2.

Mixed doubles: Fourth round:—A. J. Mottram and Mrs. Hilton (Britain) beat J. Ipsen (Denmark) and Miss Lince (Britain) 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. Tom Brown and Louise Stough (United States) beat P. Pelizza and Mrs. Laffague (France) 4-6, 6-0, 10-8. H. C. Hopman (Australia) and Margaret Osborne beat D. N. Hardwick (Britain) and Doris Hart 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Geoff Brown (Australia) and Dorothy Bundy beat B. Destremme (France) and Mrs. P. Todd 6-2, 6-1. Dicky Paul and Kay Menzies beat H. Bulla and partner 6-1, 6-4.—Reuter.

## Requisition Of Vehicles

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furnish to the competent authority a written declaration stating or estimating whether or not on such date as may be specified in the requirement, any such property is or will be on the premises and, if so, the number or quantity of articles or substances comprising it which are or will be on the premises on that date.

The competent authority may, by inserting in the requisition such time and place for delivery of any property, require the property to be delivered at that time and place, and it shall be the duty of the owner of the property and the person having possession, custody or control of the property to deliver the property to the competent authority appointed by this Order which are in conformity with the provisions of this Order, shall be valid accordingly. Any requisition or acquisition effected on or after 1st May, 1946, and prior to the date of this Order shall not be deemed to be invalid merely by reason that it was effected by a competent authority not authorised to requisition property of the kind requisitioned or acquired.

This Order shall have retrospective effect as from and inclusive of 1st May, 1946, and all requisitions and acquisitions thereto done by any competent authority appointed by this Order which are in conformity with the provisions of this Order, shall be valid accordingly. Any requisition or acquisition effected on or after 1st May, 1946, and prior to the date of this Order shall not be deemed to be invalid merely by reason that it was effected by a competent authority not authorised to requisition property of the kind requisitioned or acquired.

On any requisition or neglect to furnish such property, the competent authority or others authorised by him may seize (and if need be may enter) the premises by force for the purpose and may use the same in like manner as if it had been furnished in pursuance of the requisition. But payment shall be made as if the property had been duly furnished according to the requisition.

(2) Where any requisition or acquisition has been effected or is about to be effected of any property in the custody of the Custodian of Property, the document of requisition or acquisition and any order or notice in connection with the requisition or acquisition shall be served on the Custodian of Property. The document of requisition or acquisition and any order or notice in connection with the requisition or acquisition shall be served on the Custodian of Property.

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